

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-13 and 15-22 have been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings, claims and specification were objected to; claims 2-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; claim 1 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form; and claims 2-22 were allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections.

Regarding the objection to the drawings, the term “sample” has been correctly spelled in Fig. 3A. Further, the reference numerals noted in Figs. 1, 4A and 4B have been appropriately included into the specification. It is believed no new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Further, the specification and claims have been amended in light of the objections noted in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the objections to the specification and claims also be withdrawn.

The appropriate claims have been amended in light of the rejection of claims 2-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted the pending claims are allowable.

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### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **David A. Bilodeau**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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